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NEW YEAR'S SURPRISE

Valentene Warholik holds Micah Jay, born at 12:03 a.m. on the first day of 2014. Micah was Calgary's New Year's baby, although he wasn't scheduled to be delivered until more than a week later. See story, page 4. BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

Illegal 'gypsy cabs' emerge during NYE

Solution? Councillor wants to explore special-event cabs

Rides home for Calgary revelers were offered by more than just licensed cabbies on New Year's Eve and one councillor says it's time to explore "deputizing" additional drivers for special events.

Metro spoke with three people who were operating their vehicles overnight Tuesday in a manner similar to a cab despite not having a city licence to do so. Drivers of the 'gypsy cabs,' as they're commonly referred to, solicited customers via text message or through online advertising sites and then transported parties home in the wee hours in exchange for a fee.

Speaking Wednesday about their efforts, all three said they wanted to curb drunk driving, noting they feared a lack of available cabs and no late-night transit on the biggest party

night of the year might lead some intoxicated motorists to climb behind the wheel.

Penny Baker and her husband worked steadily from midnight to 6 a.m. transporting strangers home in their Chevrolet Malibu in exchange for a \$20 minimum fee. She said "everybody was so grateful and friendly," and some were willing to fork over more than the minimum charge.

But the city's livery transport bylaw clearly states no person shall advertise a motor vehicle for hire unless they have a city-issued taxi, accessible taxi or limousine driver's licence.

Baker said, however, the proof of a need for better service came in the form of her continuously ringing cellphone.

"They say they're going to have cabs for people but they don't and if they're not going to have the (late-night) transit, they need to have a volunteer system for people willing to do this ... it's no different than people offering rides home to

their friends," she said.

City livery officials could not be reached for comment Wednesday. But Ward 12 Coun. Shane Keating, head of the city's transportation committee, said there are risks for drivers and customers alike when it comes to running gypsy cabs.

Even still, he said it's worth exploring adding more drivers through Calgary taxi brokers for special events. He said people like Baker could sign on to work for, say, Checker Yellow Cabs or Associated Cab on just the busiest nights of the year.

"You can do the gypsy thing, but it has to be done through the legitimate plateholders," Keating said.

But Jeff Garland, Associated's general manager, said the incentive would be lacking for drivers to go through proper city inspections to only make money a few nights a year. He suggested instead to remove limousine and luxury sedans from a flat-rate system and allow them to charge customers based on the distance they are transported. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

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'People forget easily,' says mom of 2009 H1N1 victim

Immunization.

Heather Gorbous calls on Calgarians to roll up their sleeves



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At 16, Michael Gorbous was one of the youngest Albertans to die from the H1N1 strain

of influenza during the 2009 pandemic.

Gorbous, an otherwise healthy teen, contracted the flu in October that year and he wound up in a medically induced coma two weeks later. By the end of his 43-day battle, the young Calgarian had suffered pneumonia in both lungs and lost 40 pounds.

With the province now facing another outbreak of the so-called swine flu, Gorbous's mother is urging Calgarians

to visit one of the mass immunization centres opening Thursday.

"It can kill people and we saw a lot of it in the hospital," Heather Gorbous told Metro on Wednesday. "I don't think the general public knew how bad it was and probably still don't know how bad it was."

"I don't understand why people wouldn't get vaccinated if you can prevent it."

As of Dec. 27, Alberta Health Services reported 662

flu cases in the province, including 621 people with the H1N1 form of the virus.

Authorities recorded 71 H1N1-related deaths when the deadly strain first emerged in Alberta in 2009.

Heather Gorbous expressed "frustrations" with the public's generally cavalier attitude toward getting the flu shot.

"I think it's out of their minds now," she said. "It was a big thing in 2009.... People forget easily."

Getting the shot

Mass immunization clinics will be set up at Brentwood Village Mall and the South Calgary Health Centre from Jan. 2 to 8 from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (except Sunday and Monday).

- More information can be found at albertahealthservices.ca/Influenza.asp.



Extra! Extra! Wonder Woman takes on ice-cold pond, emerges victorious

A woman leaves the water after jumping into the freezing Discovery Ridge Pond during the fifth annual Icebreaker Polar Dip in Calgary on Wednesday. About \$70,000 was raised by the organization Old Guys in Action for the Servants Anonymous Foundation, which provides recovery support for human-trafficking victims. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Better sex, hypno habit-breaking among Calgarians' New Year's resolutions

Spicing things up in the bedroom and using hypnosis to break eating, smoking and spending habits are among the priorities for Calgarians pledging to stick to their New Year's resolutions.

"Some are trying to reignite the fire, they've grown apart.... Others just want to do something they've never done before — really, they want to have the best sex

ever," proclaimed Rovena Skye, who counts tantric counsellor, somatic sexologist and teacher of intimacy among her many job titles.

Skye said her workshops and sessions tend to be highly sought after in January and her "cuddle parties" are literally crammed with warm bodies.

But not everyone is looking to keep the flame burn-

ing. Others have been putting off the divorce during the Christmas season and are now pledging to start fresh come 2014, according to city relationship counsellor of 30 years Brenda Duncan.

"They will sort of hold it together through the holidays, even if they're having trouble," she said. "Then the new year brings a little more of what we want and expect

for ourselves and our families."

Beyond relationships, there are nicotine and impulse-buying habits that Calgarians will try to curb by turning to professionals like neuro-linguistic programmer and hypnosis practitioner Stephen Strube, who says his client inquiries spike 40 per cent in January.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO



Tantra teacher Rovena Skye says many couples will turn to her in January in a bid to boost their intimacy. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Police probing violent acts on New Year's Eve

Authorities swarmed the southeast community of Acadia on New Year's Eve after a man was shot in the stomach.

Police and paramedics were called to the 400 block of Athlone Road SE at about 10 p.m. on Tuesday. There, they found a man in his 30s suffering from a gunshot wound.

"Although he seemed to just have the one fundamental injury, it was a significant injury," said EMS spokesman Stuart Brideaux, adding the man was taken to hospital in serious, potentially life-threatening condition.

No one else was injured at the scene, according to Brideaux.

Few details were immediately available from the police service's real-time operations centre Wednesday.

Det. Todd Nichol said police are still investigating, adding he believed the patient was still in hospital.

"I don't think there's been any turn in his health — at least that I'm aware of," Nichol said.

It was reported to be a targeted attack.

Crashes and assaults

- Paramedics responded to more than two dozen car crashes from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. as the new year was ushered in, according to EMS.

- EMS also received 22 calls for assaults of "various nature," Brideaux said, and 20 calls involving excessive drug or alcohol abuse.

Earlier in the evening, authorities were called to a Beltline business for a stabbing.

Brideaux said a man walked into the bar on the northeast corner of 17 Avenue and 14 Street SW, saying he had been stabbed at another location at about 6 p.m.

Paramedics found the man in his late 20s with potentially life-threatening injuries after he was stabbed in the torso.

Both victims were taken to the Foothills Hospital for treatment.

BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

20 Avenue NW

Four flee northwest kitchen fire

Four residents fled a northwest Calgary home after a kitchen fire forced them out early New Year's Day.

Firefighters were called around 5:30 a.m. Wednesday to a home in the 1000 block of 20 Avenue NW after reports of smoke coming from the home. Upon arrival, they were met by the home's occupants, who said there was a fire in the kitchen.

Crews put out the small fire and though the damage was minor, officials said smoke damage was found throughout the building.

No one was seriously injured and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

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Southeast

New Year's Day power outage affects thousands

Nearly 9,000 Calgarians in the city's southeast were without power for a number of hours on New Year's Day.

Enmax crews worked into the early afternoon to restore power to residents in Riverbend, Acadia, Maple Ridge, Willow Park and other pockets around the southeast, including a large swath of the Manchester and Burns industrial parks.

By 1:45 p.m., power was restored, according to Enmax.

The cause of the outage is under investigation. METRO

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Airdrie mom Valentene Warholik holds Micah Jay, born at 12:03 a.m. Wednesday. Micah is Calgary's 2014 New Year's baby. BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

Here comes the son

Special delivery. New Year's baby arrives in Calgary at 12:03 a.m.



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The parents of Calgary's 2014 New Year's baby keenly watched the clock Tuesday as it inched closer to midnight.

Flanked by reporters at the Foothills Hospital, Valentene Warholik recalled the anticipation leading up to the birth of her second son at 12:03 a.m. Wednesday.

Previous years

- In 2013, Calgary's new year's baby was welcomed into the world at 12:11 a.m.
- One of Calgary's earliest arrivals occurred in 2008, when the city's first baby was reportedly born 15 seconds after midnight.

"I didn't really want a baby on New Year's Eve," Warholik said. "I was like, 'We'll never get to celebrate New Year's ... until the baby is 19.'"

"I'm glad it went over — just."

Baby Micah Jay was born weighing seven pounds and 11 ounces. He slept quietly as his mother beamed over her new pride and joy.

The Warholiks, of Airdrie, were set to have a quiet night at home to wrap up 2013, watching movies and chowing down on takeout food. While Micah was due Jan. 9, "he was too eager to get in to the world," Warholik said.

She arrived at Calgary's northwest hospital on Tuesday afternoon. At quarter to midnight, Warholik was told she was likely going to have the city's first baby of 2014.

"I didn't believe them," she said. "Last time I had my baby it took two hours of pushing."

"In 17 or 18 minutes (Micah) was out. It was a really beautiful delivery."

Warholik and husband Cory's first son, Jax, was born about two years ago.

The new brothers hadn't yet met and it was unclear whether Jax fully understood a baby was coming home.

Still, the youngster has been brushing up on his sibling skills.

"He has a book that we read every night called I'm a New Big Brother," Warholik said.

Bag returned to runner after mugging



Jamie McDonald FACEBOOK

A British man running across Canada to raise money for sick children says his feat took an unexpected detour after he was attacked and robbed on New Year's Eve in Banff.

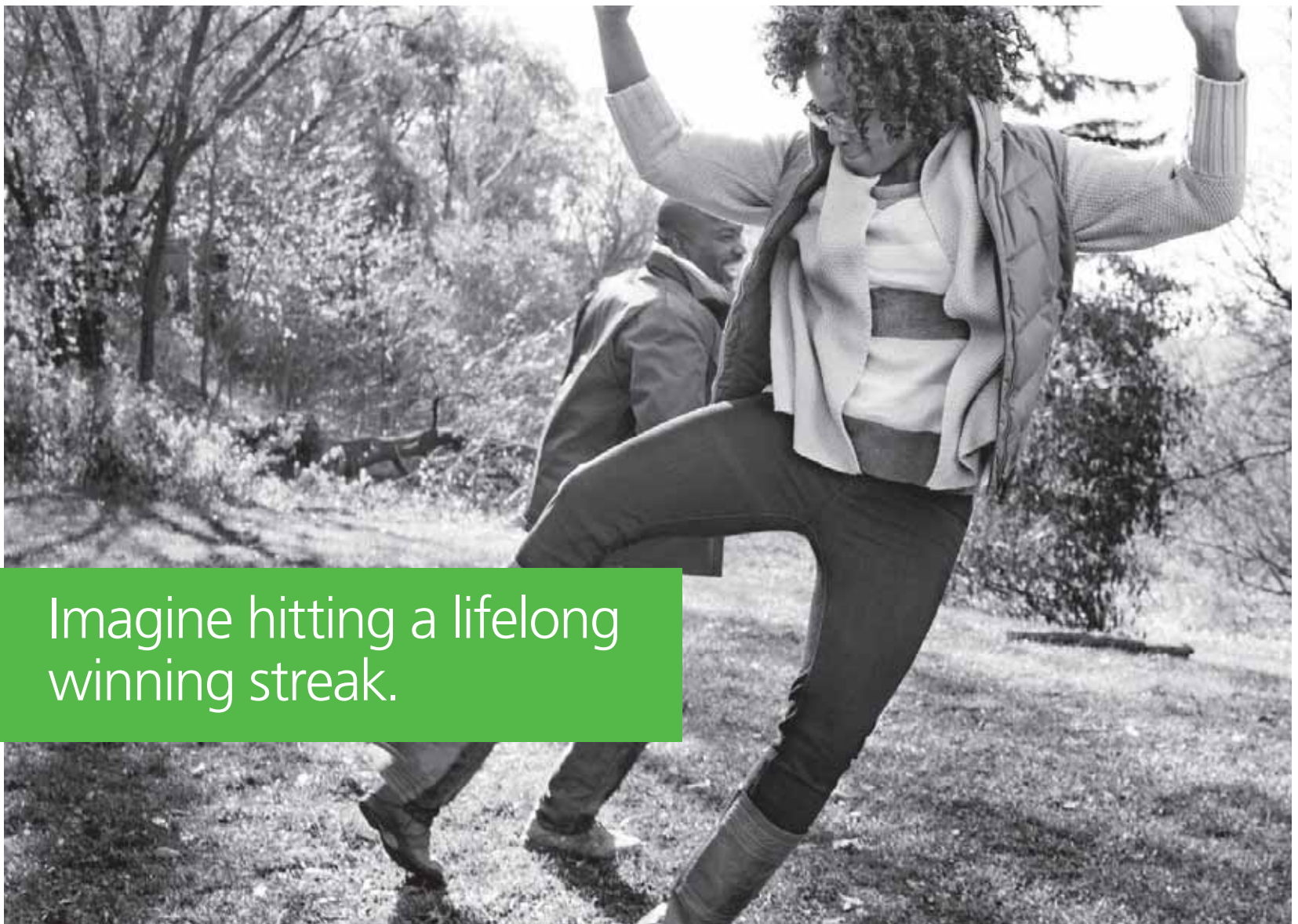
Jamie McDonald has been blazing trails since March in a suit featuring the icon of the Flash in a bid to raise money for the Alberta Chil-

dren's Hospital and other charities.

But the 27-year-old tweeted a plea for help as the new year arrived, claiming he'd been involved in an unprovoked attack and the assailants made off with his bag, which included his wallet, camera and a hard drive containing images of his endeavours.

McDonald posted to social media that he was doing all right after the attack. A person affiliated with his run later informed Metro that RCMP had since recovered the bag and everything was still inside.

McDonald's trek aims to cover more than 8,000 kilometres from St. John's to Vancouver. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO



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Palestinian ambassador to Czech Republic killed by exploding safe

Booby-trapped?

Foreign minister says no foul play suspected in apartment blast

The Palestinian ambassador to the Czech Republic died Wednesday in an explosion that occurred when he opened an old safe that had been left untouched for more than 20 years, officials said.

Ambassador Jamal al-Jamal, 56, was at home with his family at the time of the explosion, according to Palestinian Embassy spokesman Nabil El-Fahel. Al-Jamal was seriously injured and rushed to a hospital where he died, according to police spokeswoman Andrea Zoulouva.

Palestinian Foreign Minister Riad Malki said no foul play was suspected, noting that the safe had been left untouched for more than 20 years.

It also appeared that the door of the safe had been booby-trapped, according to Zoulouva. It was unclear how al-Jamal tried to open it or what type of safe it was.

The safe was recently moved from the old embassy building, but it had come from a location that used to house the Palestinian Liberation Organization's offices in the 1980s, Malki said.

"The ambassador decided to open it. After he opened it, apparently something happened inside (the safe) and went off," Malki told The Associated Press.

It was not immediately clear how Malki knew the safe had been untouched for more than

20 years or why and when the safe would have been booby-trapped.

During the 1980s — before the fall of the Soviet Union — the PLO had close ties with the Eastern Bloc countries. In recent years, relations have been tense and the Czech government was seen as taking Israel's side in the Mideast conflict, said Nabil Shaath, a foreign affairs veteran and official in Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah movement.

"The safe was sitting ... in ... the old embassy.... No one had touched it for 20 to 25 years," Malki said.

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Untouched for more than 20 years

"He opened it and asked his wife to bring a paper and a pen to write down the contents of the safe. She left him to bring (the) pen and paper. During that time, she heard ... an explosion." Palestinian Foreign Minister Riad Malki



Firemen lay on the ground near the residence of Jamal al-Jamal, Palestinian ambassador to the Czech Republic, in Prague on Wednesday. The ambassador died in an explosion that occurred when he opened an office safe that officials say had been left untouched for more than 20 years. Inset: A recent photo of Jamal al-Jamal.

KATERINA SULOVA/CTK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; INSET: KRUMPHANZL MICHAL/CTK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Cayman Islands cruise

Canadian may have fallen off ship

Police in the Cayman Islands said Wednesday that they suspect a Canadian cruise ship passenger may have fallen off the boat as search crews scoured waters around the British Caribbean territory.

Police said they believe the unidentified 65-year-old man may have fallen around dawn on Tuesday about 21 kilometres northwest of Grand Cayman.

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Former Israeli PM

Sharon's health takes a bad turn

The medical condition of the comatose former Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon sharply deteriorated Wednesday, the hospital treating him said.

Sharon, 85, has been in a coma since 2006 when a devastating stroke incapacitated him at the height of his political power. His family has said that he sometimes opens his eyes and moves his fingers.

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Coded message?

Vodafone Egypt ad rouses suspicion

Prosecutors have questioned officials in one of Egypt's largest telecommunications companies over an online advertisement featuring a puppet, which a controversial blogger has accused of delivering a coded message linked to the Muslim Brotherhood, the company said Wednesday. Ahmed "Spider" says the code is linked to an upcoming attack. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MP says Sri Lanka officials threatened to deport her

A New Democrat MP of Tamil heritage says she experienced "political intimidation" during a private visit to her native Sri Lanka, but that authorities stopped short of trying to kick her out of the country.

In a statement issued Wednesday, Rathika Sitsabaiesan said she was warned by Sri Lankan officials that she could be arrested and de-

ported.

Canadian officials were scrambling on New Year's Eve to determine the veracity of reports that Sitsabaiesan, a Toronto-area MP, had been placed under house arrest.

Sitsabaiesan said in the statement that she had received word from the Canadian High Commission in Colombo that there was in fact no Sri Lankan arrest war-

rant in her name.

"My experiences since arriving in Sri Lanka are a reminder that defending principles of human rights is not easy, but I continue to believe that it is only through open dialogue and freedom of expression that people can ultimately achieve healing and reconciliation," Sitsabaiesan said in the statement.

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Fighting for human rights

Sitsabaiesan, 32, came to Canada with her family at age five and was elected to the House of Commons in 2011 in the Toronto riding of Scarborough-Rouge River.

- She took on a prominent role in New Democrat efforts to urge Stephen Harper to boycott a meeting of Commonwealth leaders that was held in Sri Lanka in November.
- Harper had indicated he was giving the meeting a pass in protest of the Sri Lankan government's human-rights record.



NDP MP Rathika Sitsabaiesan rises during Question Period in the House of Commons in October 2012. Sitsabaiesan claims she faced "political intimidation" during a visit to her native Sri Lanka. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE



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Putin visits bomb-rocked city, says 'no justification' for attack

Fears ahead of Sochi.
Russian president talks security with officials as Volgograd survivor tells him city's spirit 'can't be broken'

Russian President Vladimir Putin made a pre-dawn visit Wednesday to the city reeling from two suicide bombings this week, bringing gestures of sympathy for the victims and questions for the officials he has ordered to beef up security.

The bombings at the main railway station of Volgograd and on a city trolleybus killed 34 people and wounded scores, 65 of whom are hospitalized.

No claim of responsibility has been made for the attacks, but they come a few months after the leader of an Islamic insurgency in Russia's south called for attacks in the run-up to February's Winter Olympics in Sochi.

"Whatever motivated the criminals' actions, there's no justification for committing crimes against civilians, especially against women and children," Putin said, opening a meeting in Volgograd with the heads of the Federal Security Service and Interior Ministry.

He said he would ask the two officials in the closed-door session for details on what measures their agencies are taking to raise security in the country.

Afterward, Putin placed a bouquet on the pile of flowers, balloons and other items that has risen at the site of the bombing, and then visited a hospital where some of the wounded are being treated.

Television footage showed Putin meeting with an unidentified female victim who told him from her bed that "Volgograd people have a strong spirit and just can't be broken."

Volgograd, a city of about one million, has been under heavy security since the Sunday and Monday attacks. Police

Vulnerabilities exposed?

Organizers have introduced some of the most extensive identity checks and security measures ever seen at an international sporting event.

- But the bombings show how public transit in Sochi and sites away from the venues are vulnerable.

reinforcements and paramilitary troops were sent into the city.

As part of the tightened security, police and sniffer dogs have checked some 2,700 residential buildings, along with bus stations, parking lots and other structures, the city's police department said, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency.

City authorities cancelled public New Year's Eve gatherings and have closed movie theatres until Thursday.

Suicide bombings have rocked Russia for years, but the



Russian President Vladimir Putin greets a victim of recent terrorist attacks as he visits a hospital in Volgograd, Russia, on Wednesday. ALEXEI NIKOLSKIY/RIA-NOVOSTI/PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SERVICE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

insurgents seeking to create an Islamic state have largely confined their attacks to the North Caucasus region in recent

years. The blasts in Volgograd signalled that militants want to show their reach outside their native region. Volgograd

is about 300 kilometres north of the Caucasus and about 690 kilometres northeast of Sochi.

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Experts warn of image theft via 'data scraping'



The lack of online privacy was highlighted last year when a photo of Rehtaeh Parsons was used in a dating website's Facebook ad.

FACEBOOK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

When a photo of the late Rehtaeh Parsons was used for a dating website's Facebook ad last year, the misappropriation of her image shocked those who saw it, but it should have also been seen as a warning, say privacy experts.

Having a photo stolen and re-posted elsewhere online could just as easily happen to any of the millions of Canadians who regularly post images to the web without a second thought.

"Many of us are sharing images without considering how others may use them or

how we may lose control," says Marian Merritt, the Internet safety advocate for security software maker Norton.

Last September, ads for the now defunct ionechat.com featured photos of Parsons with the text, "Find Love in Canada!" The online backlash prompted the company and Facebook to apologize and pull the ads.

It's possible the images of many other Canadians were swept up in 2012 as part of a digital art project hosted at Lovely-Faces.com.

The website was designed

to look like an online dating service and included fake profiles based on images and data taken from one million Facebook users who had their privacy preferences set to public.

The partners behind the project, Paolo Cirio and Alessandro Ludovico, say it was easily put together because of a process called data scraping.

"Facebook tries to expose as much as it can. They want search engines indexing that personal information," says Cirio. "And because of that it was pretty easy to harvest that data."

The website has since been taken down, and Cirio says the project wasn't meant to be nefarious and was designed as a social commentary on the dangers of posting private information online.

Merritt says even experts find themselves making mistakes online. "You've heard the stories where kids have an unfortunate or embarrassing image, and adults too, and it becomes an Internet meme where people make changes to it (and make fun of it)," Merritt says.

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Surrey, B.C.

Police investigate 'suspicious' death of woman who fell from highrise

Police are investigating what is being termed a "suspicious death" in Surrey, B.C. Media reports say a woman fell from a highrise in the

city's north end Wednesday and that one person is in custody.

But police have yet to comment on the incident other than to say they are investigating.

The city recorded two dozen homicides in 2013, breaking a record and forcing the mayor to launch a task force to solve the problem.

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Rewind

Sask. pair have a blockbuster idea: Rent out VHS films

A couple of Saskatoon movie buffs are reaching into their personal collections in hopes of reviving a staple of the last century — the VHS movie rental.

Jon Vaughn and Tyler

Baptist estimate they have a collection of about 2,000 VHS tapes, and say they've been lending out their movies to friends for years and thought they should just start renting them.

The pair, whose store is called Videonomicon, say they'd hate to see their favourites lost forever.

The store will also rent VCRs to play the tapes.

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What happens in Vegas

Sweet retirement o' mine: Cop quits after rocker's stunt

A Las Vegas police captain who helped a rock star pull off an elaborate wedding proposal by arranging a flight on a department helicopter has retired rather than face demotion.

The agency confirms Capt. David O'Leary faced demotion for helping arrange the Aug. 7 flight for Guns N' Roses guitarist Daren Jay Ashba and actress Nathalia Henao. O'Leary instead retired on Dec. 20.

Police officials say officer Ray Horsley, who piloted the helicopter, will no longer be allowed to fly for the department.

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Joe CEO making 171 times more than Joe Schmo

Life found in 'economic stratosphere.' Report out on Canada's top 100

Five years after the Great Recession wiped out thousands of jobs, Canada's top 100 CEOs continue to live in the "economic stratosphere," a study says.

They earned an average of \$7.9 million in 2012, a report by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives found. In comparison, the average Canadian earned \$46,634, the study noted. That means Canada's top CEOs earned 171 times the average industrial wage.

Despite growing outcry over the widening income gap and soaring executive pay, very little has changed since 2008,

when rules on how stock options should be valued were changed, the report says.

"For me, the remarkable thing about the last two or three years is what's not happening: ... any moderation despite the focus on the one per cent, despite the constant stories about excessive executive compensation.... Despite all of that pressure, these salaries have been remarkably resilient," says Hugh Mackenzie, an economist with CCPA.

Put another way: By 1:11 p.m. today, the top 100 CEOs will have earned as much as the average Canadian earns all year, according to the report, called All in a Day's Work? CEO Pay in Canada. The main driver of soaring pay is grants of shares and stock options.

There's still no clear rela-

Top 5 CEO earners (2012)

- **\$49M.** E. Hunter Harrison, Canadian Pacific Railways Ltd.
- **\$18.8M.** James C. Smith, Thomson Reuters Corp.
- **\$18.67M.** John A. Manzoni, Talisman Energy Inc.
- **\$18.66M.** Paul N. Wright, Eldorado Gold Corp.
- **\$16.85M.** Donald J. Walker, Magna International Inc.

tionship between CEO compensation and corporate performance, the report concludes.

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Green stands for cash, envy and pot

Tyler Williams of Blanchester, Ohio, selects marijuana strains to purchase at the 3-D Denver Discreet Dispensary on Wednesday in Denver, Colo. Legalization of recreational marijuana sales in the state went into effect at 8 a.m. on what some have referred to as Green Wednesday. **THEO STROOBER/GETTY IMAGES**

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Book bling for Buddy



Molly gets chalk treatment at a Calif. PetSmart. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sugarplum entered the salon as a reddish-blond dachshund mix and came out with pink and green ears, a rainbow tail and a bow. "It's like having a little unicorn creature," said Sasha Sinnott, nearly giddy about her dog's makeover.

For some dog owners, bathing and combing is not enough. They pay groomers to turn fur into an artist's canvas, where vibrant sweeps of chalk

and paint transform pooches into fantasy furballs that draw both compliments and strange looks. The everyday dog can get a new look with a temporary paint tattoo, mohawk, feather extension or glued-on jewels.

Then there are "extreme groomers," who turn pets into elaborate creations like zombies, flowers or even whole jungle scenes, transformations that can take months.

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2014: THIS TIME FOR SURE

The word 'resolution' is from the Greek meaning, "something you tell people you're going to do that makes them say, 'good for you!' and then you feel good but you don't actually do the thing you said because the pat on the back from the people you told was more than enough satisfaction."

This is why resolutions are all Greek to me. (Ha!)

I've made bachelorhood-related resolutions many times since I started writing a weekly column in 1957, so I'll be taking the idea one step farther in 2014 by following through on a few of them. It's worth a shot.

It's necessary because even I've got to admit my bachelorhood lifestyle is getting out of hand. If I died today my obituary is pretty much guaranteed to include the word 'squalid.'

It has to change, which is why I present:

John's Bachelorhood Resolutions 2014: This time for sure



HE SAYS
John Mazerolle
metronews.ca

my angle slightly in the mirror is not the same as weight loss, and that mixing two different flavours of Campbell's Soup is not a "recipe."

—I resolve to stop passing off the coloured mould in the bathroom as "accents."
—I resolve to throw out my spoiled milk instead of just sliding in new cartons next to the old ones until my fridge door looks like The Two Per Cent Milk Carton Museum and Cafe. Alternatively, I vow to claim that the 2 per cent fridge wall is a Damien Hirst installation entitled The Twelve Sacraments and cash in.
—I will note the irony of only cleaning up when I expect the arrival of the cleaning lady.
—I resolve to make my spice rack more relevant than the Spice Girls.
—I will learn that girlish screams are not enough to lift tough stains, that changing

—I vow to use my vacuum cleaner at least as often as I open my Drawer o' Random Cords. (I do that often, though I'm never sure why.)

—I will use only toilet paper as toilet paper. I don't get to hum the MacGyver theme because I found an alternative use for the coffee filters.

—I resolve to value my sunroom as a cherished part of my apartment instead of the place I throw recycling, DVDs without cases, books without shelf space, garbage bags containing things I'm not certain I remember, and deceased organisms.

—If I choose to procrastinate on all of these resolutions, I need a better excuse than, "My favourite Internet is on."

And those are my resolutions.

In 2014, won't you drop by my apartment to see how well I'm doing?

Please note that the Public Health Agency recommends a tetanus booster for anyone visiting my apartment and requires proof of immunization against Japanese encephalitis for some reason. See you soon!

ZOOM

Probably more fun than whatever you did:



Snapshots of New Year's celebrations around the world:

Indonesia

Girls in traditional costumes gather during a parade for the last sundown of the year on Bali island. **FIRDIA LISNAWATI/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Germany

O Gunners of the historical Grenadier Corps 1810 greet the new year with 12 cannon salutes in Villingen-Schwenningen, southwestern Germany. This New Year's tradition dates back to 1633 remembering an overcome siege during the Thirty Year's War. **PATRICK SEEGER/DPA/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

USA

Dick the Dog is pushed in a carriage during the Key West Dachshund Walk. About 200 canines participated in the annual procession. **ANDY NEWMAN/FLORIDA KEYS NEWS BUREAU/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ecuador

A mask in the likeness of President Rafael Correa hangs with other masks in Quito, Ecuador. The masks are created to place on effigies that are burned at midnight. **ANA MARIA BUITON/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Clickbait



LUKE SIMCOE
Metro Online

Although the video game market is still dominated by major studios, smaller, independent developers are finding new ways to reach consumers. Increasingly, this means packaging their games together in a pay-what-you-can bundle. Here are a few sites that will help you get your hands on some new games for cheap, and maybe even help out a charity or two along the way.

humblebundle.com: The king of the bundle scene, Humble Bundle has been going strong for over three years. They typically bring in over \$1 million in sales for their packages, with the money being split between the organization, the game developers and charities like the Red Cross and the Electronic Frontier Foundation. Their games are cross-platform, and they've recently branched out to include mobile titles and even ebooks and music.

bundlestars.com: Based in the United Kingdom, this site offers bundles catering to different video game genres, from sports to role-playing games.

indieroyale.com: With a true focus on independent games, these bundles are guaranteed to include at least a few titles you've never heard of.

Twitter

A woman finds what she describes as a "very lethargic" snake in a curbside couch months after she initially picked it up. What's the weirdest thing you ever picked up with a roadside freebie?

@thewrongshoes: a rat had babies inside a sofa bed we never opened. sat on them & squished them. found out when they started to rot

@SUNAllisonSalz: Saw a computer. Took it home. Realized why it was free. Put it back.

@EminaKosjenka Friends got couch that kept hemorrhaging money on the way home! They plan on loading it w/change when they done w/ it.

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SCENE 2

New on Food Network Canada.

Contestants will be given four ingredients and asked to make a dish — and the results will be exciting

EMILY RICHARDSON
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What does it take to not get chopped? Skill, creativity, patience and really quick thinking. I was invited to be part of a media challenge that welcomed Chopped Canada to Food Network Canada. The show debuts Thursday on the network.

For those of you that don't know the show, here's the plot: four competitors have 20 minutes to create three spur-of-the-moment dishes from ingredients in a mystery basket.

So in true Chopped style, we were handed the mystery basket but organizers cut us some slack — we had 30 minutes to create our dishes, and we got a partner. I was happy to be partnered with Ania Krysa, web producer for Food Network Canada. So did we have an advantage compared to the contestants on Chopped Canada? Yes we certainly did — we could bounce ideas off each other and the two of us could gather ingredients and other equipment we needed.

Host Dean McDermott started the morning by introducing the show's judges: Lynn Crawford, Chuck Hughes, Roger Mooking, Susur Lee, Michael Smith, Vikram Vij, John Higgins and Anne Yarmowich. Then he explained the rules of engagement. On his command, Ania and I opened our basket and pulled out the in-



Chopped Canada host Dean McDermott with judges, from left, Vikram Vij, Lynn Crawford and Chuck Hughes. CONTRIBUTED



The dish writer Emily Richardson created with Ania Krysa. CONTRIBUTED

gredients one by one — yikes! — beef tenderloin, Canadian cheddar cheese, fresh grapefruit and wait for it... candy sprinkles.

That's the twist that you can expect on the show: something out of the ordinary to throw off contestants. For Ania and me? Heck — grapefruit and sprinkles got our adrenaline pumping and our brains racing with ideas.

We had a few minutes

before officially starting to consider our plan of attack. A salad? Good idea, but how do we incorporate sprinkles? Flavour? What goes well with grapefruit and beef and candy sprinkles? How could we bring it all together?

As Dean said "time starts now," we flew into action, running to the fridge to get greens, the pantry to get dry spices and other goodies. While Ania was creating an

Indian-inspired spice crust that included the candy sprinkles, I began working on the grapefruit, using some rind for the crust as well as reserving the juices for a vinaigrette that we would surely need. How would we use that cheese? Ha! Cheese tuiles topped with candy sprinkles.

Would we be able to get seven identical dishes, comprising all our basket ingredients, finished and plated? These are

key points the judges consider when they go over your dishes.

And how important is taste? It's huge, so we were tasting everything along the way to make sure it was seasoned and balanced. We didn't want too much of something and not enough of something else.

We were lucky because there were two of us — I can only imagine what it would be like completing the task by myself, knowing that I'd have a chance to win \$10,000.

The clock was ticking but we didn't want to cook the beef too early and overcook it.

We were up first...

Dean asked us to describe our dish. Uh oh. We looked at each other. We hadn't named our creation, so the best we could do was describe the elements on the plate and hope that the judges would be kind. "Seared spiced beef tenderloin, served with a grapefruit and greens salad and cheese tuile," we said, and held our breath. This is the time for criticism and also admiration of a dish. We were ready, but in truth, this part was more difficult than cooking the dish itself.

As the judges tasted our dish, we heard: "Well balanced, loved the beef, unique use of the cheese to make the tuiles." Wow, could it have been that good?

"It would have been nice to see it on a larger plate," Vikram Vij pointed out.

"Do you want to know what I really think of your dish?" Lynn Crawford asked. "Yes," we said in agreement. "I love it!" she laughed and smiled.

The other media teams followed with their amazing dishes. The competition was fierce, as it will be on the show. And sadly, we were chopped — but the rush and experience was more than I could ask for.

Chopped Canada debuts Thursday, Jan. 2 at 10 p.m. ET/PT on Food Network Canada.

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Top 10 celebrity splits of 2013

It was a messy year in the world of celebrity love lives. Both longtime couples and quick-moving flames found themselves burning out. Some parted ways on good terms (at least in the media), others left a wake of gossip and resentment in their paths, and a few even found their way back to each other.

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Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth



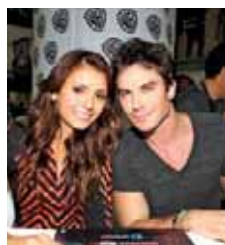
Taylor Swift and Harry Styles



Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones



Jennifer Lawrence and Nicholas Hoult



Nina Dobrev and Ian Somerhalder



Kris Jenner and Bruce Jenner



Miranda Kerr and Orlando Bloom



Katy Perry and John Mayer



Ryan Seacrest and Julianne Hough

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Audio sampled on Beyoncé single stirring up controversy

MELINDA TAUB

Metro World News

Beyoncé's new single, XO, features audio from the day of the 1986 Challenger disaster. At the beginning of the song, NASA spokesman Steve Nesbitt can be heard saying, "Flight controllers here looking very carefully at the situation. Obviously a major malfunction."

It's an excerpt from a statement he made to reporters as debris from the Challenger rained from the sky. The Challenger exploded on Jan. 28, 1986, and killed all seven astronauts onboard.

"We were disappointed to learn that an audio clip from the day we lost our heroic Challenger crew was used in the song XO," June Scobee



Rodgers, widow of Shuttle Commander Dick Scobee, told ABC News. "The moment included in this song is an emotionally difficult one for the Challenger families, colleagues and friends."

Beyoncé stopped short of offering an apology, but she did issue a statement explaining the rationale behind the sample. "My heart goes out to the families of those lost in the Challenger disaster. The song XO was recorded with the sincerest intention to help heal those who have lost loved ones and to remind us that unexpected things happen, so love and appreciate every minute that you have with those who mean the most to you."

Goodbye Uncle Phil

Fresh Prince actor James Avery dies at 65

James Avery, the bulky character actor who laid down the law as the Honorable Philip Banks in The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air, has died.

Avery's publicist, Cynthia Snyder, told The Associated Press that Avery died Tuesday. She did not immediately know the cause of death or where he died. Avery played Will Smith's uncle on the popular TV series. His movie credits included Fletch, 8 Million Ways to Die and The Prince of Egypt. **METRO**



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A brighter 2014 in store for shoppers

Colour me good. Bold graphics, pale pastels set to add pop to your closet in 2014

Whether you're seeking to make a minor ripple or sizable splash in your wardrobe in 2014, prognosticators are hoping to help make the new year a stylish one with

predictions of noteworthy new looks in fashion. Lisa Tant, vice-president, fashion editor at Holt Renfrew, shares her views on notable trends and suggestions on how to incorporate the changes within your apparel and accessories.

Pale hues and bold blooms



When it comes to injecting a little extra colour into the wardrobe, Tant suggested opting for a softer touch in the form of a pretty pastel. "We saw pale pink, pale blue, mint green," she said. "It sounds kind of girly and you might think that sounds too sweetie pie for a lot of women. But it's being cut in really simple shapes like a pale blue



trench coat or a pale pink motorcycle jacket, a mint green pencil skirt. It's really kind of cool colours and classic pieces." For those keen to crank the colour or longing for a bolder statement in the form of pat-

tern, blooms are back in a big way. Tant pointed to emergence of large, bright, bold florals and tropical patterns for the coming year.

Feeling fringe

Expect to see a little something extra in the form of embellishments on apparel and accessories for the new year. The fringe is flowing and in abundance as a stylish addition to many key pieces. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Hydrating hair oils for winter

Don't underestimate the powers of frigid temperatures, biting winds and central heating to damage your hair

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

So many of us assume that the only time our locks deserve a little TLC — a smother of coconut oil, a drop of shea butter — is once they've been frazzled by the burning sun and dipped in sea salt. Once summer is over, you switch to richer conditioner, slip on a beanie and voilà. But that won't be enough.

Frigid temperatures outdoors, central heating indoors and biting winds can do just as much damage to your hair as 12-day beach vacay. To help, we've rounded up oils formulated with the most nourishing ingredients including avocado, olive or argan oil, to keep your hair hydrated over winter — despite the blasting heat of the hairdryer.



MoroccanOil
Treatment Light
\$50



Kiehl's
Olive and avocado leave-in cream
\$30

Sisley

Extract for Hair and Scalp
\$139



L'Oreal

Professional
Mythic Oil
\$23

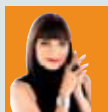


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Happy day: Perfect way to say goodbye to 2013+hello to 2014!!! X-country skiing at the farm with my family. #bliss



Me in my farmhouse kitchen with my #OrderofCanada pin! Sweetest accessory ever...

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Name: Skye

Age: 25

Occupation:
Fashion stylist

What she's wearing

Zara coat and scarf, Rebecca Minkoff bag, 3.1 Phillip Lim boots.

Her inspiration

"London street style, i-D magazine, '90s minimalism, Hanne Gaby Odiele: off duty."

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Sparkling new life into a cold fireplace

DIY. Tricks for making a hearth more welcoming range from adding pillar candles to installing a new mantle or insert

If your festive stockings are looking out of place hanging from a dated and unused fireplace, it's time to give that old hearth a facelift. Adding some simple and affordable design elements will restore the fireplace as an inviting destination to read a book or gather with friends and family.

To bring an old-fashioned design into the 21st century, consider a more in-depth overhaul that will be both stylish and energy efficient.

Bring the outdoors in

Even if a wood fire isn't in the near future, logs for decoration can give an empty fireplace some life. Try experimenting with different stacking patterns and types of wood, like birch. White birch

bark provides a nice contrast to many dark brick fireplaces and can make them look more welcoming and less like a black hole in the wall.

Shine a light with candles

For a more elegant look, replace logs with candles and go for a layered appearance using a mixture of pillar candle sizes. White or cream candles will work with almost any fireplace but get creative by adding some colour to complement the room's decor. To help fill out larger spaces, try adding an elegant cast iron candle holder.

Modernize with a new mantle

Installing a modern and stylish mantle is an easy refresh project. They can either be bought separately or as part of a larger fireplace kit for a more complete makeover. The kits come in different sizes so make sure to take measurements before visiting a store. There are legal requirements about how close materials can be installed from the fireplace

House Crashers

- For more home improvement ideas tune in to House Crashers, Wednesdays at 9 p.m. ET/PT on DIY Network Canada.

opening so do some research before beginning to ensure you're not creating a fire hazard.

Fire up a fireplace insert

While the initial costs of installing a fireplace insert are high, it's a practical and energy efficient solution everyone should consider. Installed into an existing fireplace, inserts not only transfer more heat into the home than a traditional fireplace, but don't let the fire's energy escape through the chimney. Wood-burning inserts are available for the traditionalist, but electric or gas options are far more efficient. For safety reasons, it's recommended that inserts be installed by a professional.



Make your fireside inviting again by using the tricks and tips listed. ISTOCK

Kick off your New Year healthy eating resolutions with salmon

For a healthy start to 2014, try this baked salmon.

- Mix all marinade ingredients and marinate salmon 1 hour.
- Preheat oven to 425 F (220 C).
- Remove salmon from marinade and pour into a small saucepan. Place salmon on a parchment-lined baking sheet and cook in the oven for 12-15

minutes or until desired doneness.

- Meanwhile, bring marinade to a boil, simmer for 5 minutes and remove from heat. Add honey and reserve.

- Place a slice of cheese on each plate, lay hot salmon over cheese and garnish with shoots and cilantro.

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Ingredients

Citrus marinade

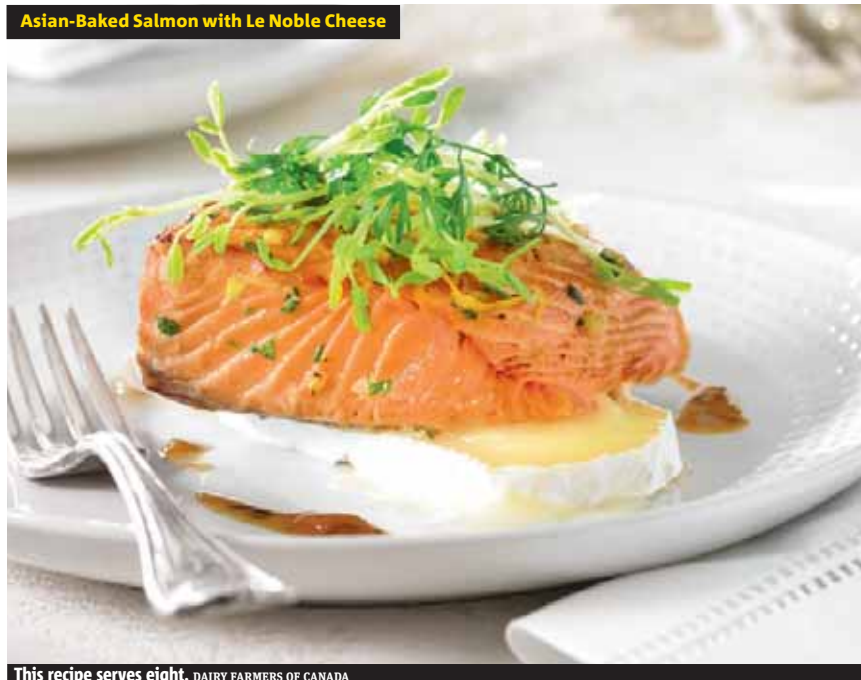
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) orange juice
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) lime zest
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) lemon zest
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) fresh ginger, chopped
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) soy sauce
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) honey
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 green onions, chopped

- Freshly ground pepper

Salmon

- 8 salmon fillets, 5 oz (140 g) each
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) honey
- 6 oz (180 g) Le Noble cheese, cut into 8 slices
- 1 cup (250 ml) snow pea or sunflower shoots
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) fresh cilantro

Asian-Baked Salmon with Le Noble Cheese



This recipe serves eight. DAIRY FARMERS OF CANADA

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Cooking Matters



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Stretch your money and tighten your waistline with these health-conscious, calorie-counting recipes aimed at helping families through lean times.

Highlights include cornbread-crusted chicken, cranberry walnut coleslaw and orange oatmeal pancakes.





Leafs centre Tyler Bozak scores the shootout winner on Red Wings goalie Jimmy Howard at the NHL Winter Classic on Wednesday in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Bozak breaks Leafs out of the Big House

Cool competition.

Leafs beat Red Wings in shootout at chilly, snowy Winter Classic

Mike Babcock wasn't on the ice at Michigan Stadium, so seven minutes into the Winter Classic the Detroit Red Wings' coach asked star Pavel Datsyuk how he thought things were going.

"He said, 'Well, we're being too careful with the puck,'" Babcock said. "But he said, 'We got to be because you're scared to turn it over, there's so much snow.'"

Snow built up throughout

Winter Classic

3

Maple Leafs

2

Red Wings

the frigid game, which the Toronto Maple Leafs won 3-2 in a shootout to jump ahead of the Red Wings in the standings. The conditions didn't make for the prettiest game, but the spectacle of a capacity crowd of 105,491 in Ann Arbor set a picturesque scene.

"I don't know if you would

Old-time atmosphere

"To me, today was a home run for hockey."

Red Wings coach Mike Babcock



call it a gem from a pace standpoint," Leafs coach Randy Carlyle said. "The weather definitely changed the way it was presented with the snow coming down, and it brought back a lot of memories from a childhood of playing outside."

Tyler Bozak scored the shootout winner in an event that set the NHL attendance record and might have been enough to make the Guinness

Book of World Records. It was -11 C at puck drop. James van Riemsdyk and Bozak scored for Toronto and Daniel Alfredsson and Justin Abdelkader had markers for Detroit.

"The NHL did a good job keeping the ice as clean as possible," said Leafs captain Dion Phaneuf. "It's an experience. It's an outdoor game — in the middle of winter you're going to have snow." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Michael Schumacher

F1 legend still in critical condition

Formula One great Michael Schumacher's condition was stable but still critical overnight as he remained unconscious following a brain injury suffered in a skiing accident, his manager said Wednesday.

Schumacher has undergone two brain operations and remains in a medically induced coma.

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NBA

Raptors roll past beast of the East

If the league-leading Indiana Pacers provided the perfect gauge for just how much the Toronto Raptors have improved, the answer was: Plenty.

DeMar DeRozan poured in 26 points to lead the Raptors to a 95-82 win over Indiana on Wednesday, handing the Pacers their sixth loss of the season.

The win was Toronto's fourth in a row and eighth of their last 10 snapping Indiana's five-game winning streak. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Eyes on Sochi

Stamkos on fast track from broken leg to Olympics

Steven Stamkos continued to skate towards his Olympic dream, hoping that he can recover from a broken leg in time for the Sochi Games. The Canadian sniper skated in Vancouver Wednesday after his Tampa Bay Lightning squad held a morning practice.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

With Mars, your ruling planet, moving through your opposite sign of Libra you will be very impatient over the next 24 hours, especially with people who think slowly. Compared to you, that's just about everyone.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Cosmic activity in the work and well being area of your chart warns you must be careful not to overdo it today. You may have a thousand and one things to do but you won't get them all done at once.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Don't let others' doubts stop you from pushing ahead with a plan you know has the potential to make you both happy and successful.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Try to give loved ones more freedom today and tomorrow. It's not enough just to say that you trust them — show it too. Besides, the more you try to control others, the more you encourage them to break away.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Your confidence may sink today but it's a passing phase, so don't worry about it. Most likely you are the only one who will notice anyway. A Leo who lacks confidence still looks and sounds like a winner.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

The sooner you stop worrying about your money situation, the sooner it will sort itself out. The more you torment yourself about something the more power you give it.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Mars in your sign makes you more aggressive than usual, so be careful when dealing with people one-to-one. You may not realize how intimidating you seem, but others notice. Treat everyone with respect.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

There is no point feeling sorry for yourself, not even if your number one plan seems to have hit a brick wall. If fate in its wisdom wants you to stop for a while or try a different course, just take it in your stride.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Others may say you are aiming too high but you know that you have to aim high to increase your chances of hitting a worthwhile target.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Mars is currently moving through the career area of your chart, which means that people who see you as a rival will do whatever they can to disrupt your climb to the top. They won't succeed, of course.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Take care not to say too much when talking to people you are not sure you can trust. You like to chat, it's part of your nature, but if you say too much you could undermine your position.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

You know may believe one thing but if your instincts tell you a different story, it is your instincts you must trust. There is such a thing as herd mentality and there's a lot of it.

SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- Nero's 201
- Parisian 'pea'
- Type sizes
- Canadian comic legend: 2 wds.
- Judy Garland's daughter Ms. Luft
- Theory of
- Eel, in sushi bars
- Leave
- Inhabitant
- Magazine edition [abbr.]
- Celeb's to-an-event ride
- Ms. Gray of tunes
- Sewing machine brand
- Address book abbr.
- Pro ____ (In proportion)
- ____ off (What light switches could be at any given time)
- County in Ireland
- Component
- The Band song that goes "Boards on the window / Mail by the door..."
- Famous violin, commonly
- Organic compound
- Li'l instruments
- Rocky hill
- Legendary lady of Coventry
- Actor/rapper, ____
- Door openers
- Curve

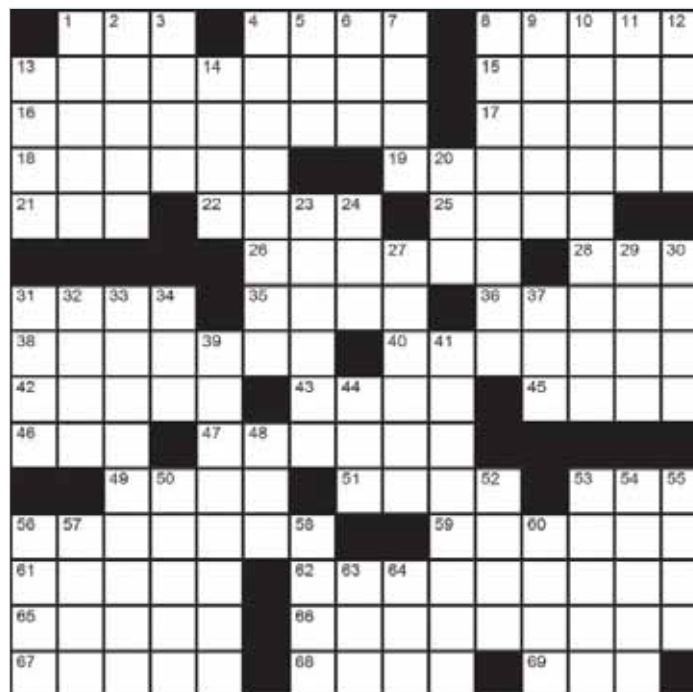
- T.O.'s world-renowned free-standing structure: 2 wds.
- Sporty position
- Q. "Is ____ 1991 Dustin Hoffman movie?" A. "Yes."
- Hit by Montreal band Bran Van 3000 featuring the singing of Curtis Mayfield

- Ms. Lavigne
- Sports: Ottawa Senators founder, Bruce ____
- Actress Salma
- Gulf leader [var. sp.]
- 'Count' suffix

Down

- Inlets

- Dices
- Bran Van 3000's "Drinking ____"
- Jim ____, Canadian tycoon whose holdings include the Guinness World Records books
- Clandestine maritime org.
- Oath-taker's words
- Music's *N__
- Ancient Greek biographer of Parallel Lives
- Ancient column style
- Chilliwack song: 2 wds.
- Brad Pitt's leading lady, for short
- 1940s baseball pitcher Johnny

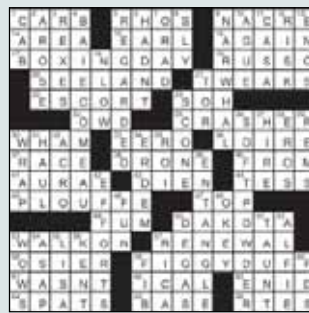


See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

- Knight in George Lucas' world
- Ringlet
- "____ Mine" by The Beatles
- Coined
- Artist Yoko
- Furrow
- Lake ____
- Pasturelands
- Relaxation
- Choir voice
- Nunavut, for one
- Music honour, e.g.
- Currency in Romania
- Out-in-the-open-air attraction at #56-Across
- Theatrical offering attendee
- 'Neat' suffix
- 'Capri' suffix
- American journalist Ms. Roberts
- ____-chef
- Canadian shoe stores
- Nothings: French
- Give up
- Nuu-____-nulth (People of the Pacific Coast of Vancouver Island)
- Explosive star
- "Pearl Harbor" (2001) role, Capt. ____ McCawley
- Poker stake
- Actor Alastair
- Three

Tuesday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Dec 26's Sudoku



Weather

TODAY



MAX: 5°
MIN: -5°

FRIDAY



MAX: -3°
MIN: -5°

SATURDAY



MAX: -8°
MIN: -26°



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